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SUBJ: HONDURAS SHRIMP EXPORTS TO U.S.:

STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 240

1. "CHRONISTA" ARTICLE 2/6/74 CRITICIZES NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NOT GIVING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO WHAT IT TERMS "FRAUD" PERPETRATED BY SEAFOOD EXPORTING FIRMS WHO REPORT SMALL QUANTITIES EXPORTED FROM HONDURAS THAN APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES (I.E. SPECIFICALLY THE U.S.). ARTICLE STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN 1970 GOH OFFICIAL STATISTICS REGISTERED 895,500 KILOS OF SHRIMP VALUED AT \$857,949 EXPORTED TO THE U. S. WHILE U.S.G. STATISTICS RECORDED IMPORTATION OF 1,097,811 KILOS VALUED AT \$2,328,764, A DIFFERENCE OF OVER \$1 MILLION. EMBASSY HAS GATHERED SIMILAR FIGURES FOR 1972: GOH FIGURES ARE OVER 5 MILLION POUNDS EXPORTED TO U.S. VALUED AT \$1,836,615 WHILE U. S. FIGURES ARE 4.7 MILLION POUNDS AT \$5,304,575.

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POUNDS AT \$5,304,575.

2. SIMILAR REPORTS OF UNDERVALUATION OF SHRIMP EXPORTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE PAST HERE, BUT ARE OF PARTICULAR CURRENT INTEREST IN LIGHT OF EXPECTED EFFORTS BY GOH TO ATTACK ABUSES IN THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN OTHER FIELDS BESIDES FORESTRY. THIS APPARENT UNDERVALUATION PARALLELS THE LUMBER SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL WHICH LED TO PRESENTATION BY GOH OF SIZEABLE TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAIMS TO SEVERAL LUMBER EXPORTING FIRMS. THE LEADING SHRIMP EXPORTING FIRMS IN HONDURAS ARE EITHER U. S. OWNED OR AFFILIATED. ALTHOUGH NOT KNOWN IF GOH TAX AUTHORITIES NOW CHECKING INTO THIS FIELD, SUCH WOULD CERTAINLY BE A POSSIBILITY.

3. ABOVE FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION; NO ACTION REQUESTED.
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